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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 6, 2011 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Blake Trask
Vice Chair: Max Hepp-Buchanan
Recorder: Blake Trask
Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Jodi Connolly; Matthew Crane; Gabe Grijalva; Neal Komedal; Jean White; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Vice Chair); Anna Telensky; Blake Trask (Chair)

Members Absent:

Sean Cryan; Kelsey Jones-Casey

Guests:

Pauh Wang, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT); Doug Cox, SDOT; Zachary Howard, Commute Seattle; Jessica Szelag, Commute Seattle; Jamie Cheney, Commute Seattle; Matt Hansen, King County Metro; Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog; Dylan Ahearn, Beacon Bikes; Matt Monkress, Wedgwood

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Max Hepp-Buchanan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments by members of the public:
 - Alta Design completed the circulation plan for the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Greenway. Some members of Beacon Bikes! have co-authored an op-ed slated to publish in The Seattle Times.
 - The Downtown Seattle Association and Commute Seattle completed the mode split study for 2010. For the first time more than 50% of all trips into the downtown core are made by means other than car. Bike commuting increased to 3% of all trips, up from 1% in the previous study.

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:10 p.m.

Topic: Advisory Bicycle Lane Briefing

Presenters: Pauh Wang, SDOT

Purpose: Brief SBAB on proposed new facility type and to hear input on its design, where it

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
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should be used, and other considerations

Findings / Critical Points:

- This is a “cutting-edge” facility. Whenever possible, it is good to try to push the envelope in bicycle facility type design.
- An advisory bike lane is a little more than a shared lane, but motor vehicles can still use the lane for travel. In the instance of Weller St, it would be used similarly to a climbing lane with an uphill advisory bike lane and a downhill sharrow. The sharrow would be located outside of the door zone of parked cars.
- Upon additional analysis, the advisory bike lane on Marion will not be considered – the Weller St advisory bike lane is still moving forward for additional study.
- The former city traffic engineer, Eric Widstrand, wrote a memo supporting its additional study prior to his departure.
- The advisory bike lane will not be installed immediately, additional study by SDOT staff will be required.
- One potential application noted for this type of facility would be Lake Washington Boulevard.
- This facility type is included in the Portland Bicycle Master Plan.

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- There were many questions and concerns from both SBAB and guests regarding advisory bike lanes.
- Many SBAB members expressed support for the concept and for future study.
- Questions were raised about its design and how the concept would be communicated to the public.
- One suggestion made was to include wider advisory bike lanes in the Weller St design.
- Several concerns were voiced about the usage of sharrows on the same street.

Action Item or Follow-Up:

- SDOT will follow-up with SBAB on the progress of advisory bike lanes and if additional streets are slated for consideration.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

***Topic:* Center City Bicycle Amenity Inventory Study Update**

Presenter: Zachary Howard, Commute Seattle

Purpose: Provide SBAB with the study results

Findings / Critical Points:

- The presenter reviewed the findings and recommendations, all available in the full report at www.commuteseattle.com.
- Some existing challenges highlighted including working with property managers and in finding ways that tenants can provide feedback about demands for bicycle amenities.
- An interactive website to inform users about building amenities is now online and linked to the SDOT Bicycle Program page.
- Commute Seattle asked SBAB for feedback on how to work with the city to improve bicycle amenity inventory in the center city.

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- SBAB thanked Commute Seattle staff for their work and asked to be briefed in the future on the progress made in expanding bicycle amenities in the center city.
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Time: 7:10 p.m.

Topic: Briefing on Proposed King County Congestion Reduction Charge

Presenter: Matt Hansen, King County Metro

Purpose: Provide SBAB with a briefing on the West Seattle Triangle Concept Plan

Findings / Critical Points:

- Metro Transit is faced with significant cuts to its service without a stopgap funding mechanism called the Congestion Reduction Charge (CRC).
- The CRC is a two-year stopgap funding mechanism provided by the Washington State Legislature. It must be approved by the King County Council through a councilmanic action (requiring 6 votes) or by forwarding it on for the voters' consideration (requiring (5 votes).
- The CRC would charge vehicles \$20 each for the next two years.
- The gap in service hours without funding will be 600,000 hours or 17% of total service.
- The presenter asked SBAB to write a letter voicing its support for the CRC

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- There were several questions about the charge and the requirements for its passage.
- SBAB noted that a loss of service would result in a loss of bicycle rack capacity for users, particularly in bottleneck locations like SR 520.

SBAB Action Item:

- SBAB members agreed to support the CRC by writing a letter to the King County Council.
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Time: 7:40 p.m.

Topic: SDOT Update

Presenter: Doug Cox, SDOT

Purpose: Update SBAB on SDOT's plans for BMP implementation in 2011

Findings / Critical Points:

- SDOT provided an update on mid-year budget cuts. Much of the cuts are due to declining revenues from the gas tax and general fund.
- Examples of the cuts include 50% from the Rainier Neighborhood Greenway, significant cuts in bike spot improvements, a reduction in repainting bike lanes, and a reduction in bike rack installation.

Action Item or Follow-Up:

- SBAB requested additional information about a comparison of cuts in the bicycle program compared to other budget items within SDOT.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Max Hepp-Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

July Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Individual Meeting Attendees